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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Congressmen PresentDwyer, McHugh, Brown, Daniel,  
Kastenmeier, Hamilton, Stump,  
Ireland, Hyde, Cheney, LivingstonStaffers PresentLatimer, O'Neil, Andrews, Faga,  
Giza, Raimo, Keliher, Berry,  
AddingtonSubjects Briefed by ADDIPhilippines  
Libya (both Chad and 6th Fleet  
aspects)  
Iran-Iraq  
Central America (government changes  
in Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa  
Rica)Questions Answered by ADDI

Hyde

We expect Marcos to stay in  
power? Yes.Will Aquino remain a strong  
force? At least through May  
elections.Have you estimated the  
impact of an aid cutoff to  
the Philippines? Doing work on economic  
fall out of elections, which  
aid cutoff would worsen.

Kastenmeier

Is the Commission report on  
the Philippines election  
similar to your assessment? Do not have the Commission  
report, but I believe we are  
reporting a lot of the same  
phenomena.Are the insurgent groups in  
the south of Nicaragua  
weaker? Yes.~~SECRET~~

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Kastenmeier	What military contingencies are we planning in the Mediterranean vis-a-vis Libya?	Referred to DoD.
Ireland	Has the basic situation in Angola changed?	No.
	Any info on possible prisoner release in South Africa?	Not specifically, but unconditional release of Nelson Mandela is doubtful.
	Any home found for Baby Doc?	No, though Liberia still a possibility.
Hyde	Some leftists in Nicaragua have given up hope of negotiating with Sandinistas. Do we have any additional info on this?	No.
	How much time is left for Contras if we don't step up aid?	Hard to predict, could hang on but with greatly reduced effectiveness.
Brown	Wasn't Honduras reluctant to accept humanitarian aid intended for Contras?	Yes.
	Won't they therefore be reluctant to broker military aid?	No. Pre-election politics and different army chief involved before.
Cheney	Are these Nicaraguans trying to affect the Congressional debate on aid to the Contras?	Yes, very hard. Notably, it is a more sophisticated and potentially effective effort. They are targeting particular Congressmen and committees, including this committee. Also, it's world wide.
McHugh	Is the Hussein peace initiative still alive?	Yes, but no high hopes.
	Has Hussein's attitude changed since the US arms deal fell through?	Not basically, but he does talk with the British and the Soviets about arms.

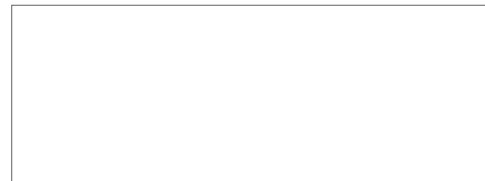
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McHugh	What is the prospect for escalated violence in southern Lebanon?	High.
Cheney	How bad is the Mexican economic situation?	Serious. NFIB is consider- ing a SNIE on this subject in two days, so you'll soon have a thorough IC assess- ment.
	What is the situation in Yemen?	Described briefly.

Followup

Rep. Cheney asked about the March elections in France.  25X1  
 EURA tasked with producing a short response. 25X1



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Attachment:

Maps handed over to committee.

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